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Progress Report On PT Occupational Analysis And Test Plan

The final report of the Psychiatric Technician Occupational Analysis and the new test plan based on this study were presented at the November 16, 2001, Board meeting in Sacramento. Both were adopted by the Board.

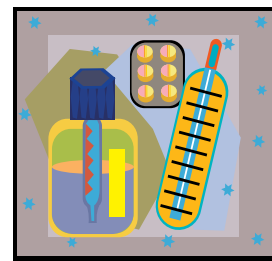


The Test Plan serves as the blueprint for the psychiatric technician examination. As recent PRN articles discussed, the Board, in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Examination Resources conducted this study of the Psychiatric Technician profession. This process is essential to maintain the currency and job relatedness of the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination. Additionally, the study is consistent with requirements for State licensure examinations set forth in California Business & Professions Code Section 139.

The Board will conduct workshops for all accredited Psychiatric Technician Programs to introduce the new Test Plan and discuss its impact to program curricula. It is anticipated that implementation of the new test plan will commence in 2002.

Regulations For IV Medication Administration

As first reported in the April 2001 edition of PRN, the Board is pursuing a regulatory change clarifying the role of the licensed vocational nurse (LVN) in hemodialysis, pheresis and blood bank settings.



Under current regulations, LVNs who are Board-certified in intravenous (IV) therapy are permitted to administer IV medications in these settings under specified conditions. However, in response to a need for clarification of the LVN's role, and in keeping with its mandate of consumer protection, the Board began the process of regulatory change in March 2001. Public comment supports the need for clarification of the LVN's role, as well as concern for consumer safety. Unlicensed assistive personnel, who do not have the same level of knowledge, skills and professional accountability as the LVN, are increasingly utilized to perform duties similar to those of the LVN in IV therapy.

The public comment period has now concluded. Public input received during both a 45- and a 15-day

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians is to protect the public welfare by ensuring that only qualified persons are licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians by enforcing education requirements, standards of practice and by educating consumers of their rights.

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IV MEDICATION

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public comment period was significant. Hundreds of individual LVNs, RNs, and physicians; administrators and staff from dialysis clinics statewide; the California Dialysis Council; the California Correctional Peace Officers Association; and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 250 expressed their support. The California Nurses Association and the Board of Registered Nursing expressed opposition.

On November 16, 2001, the Board adopted language amending sections 2542 and 2542.1 of Article 8, Intravenous Therapy; and sections 2547 and 2547.1 of Article 10, Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal. This language clarifies the definition of the term "intravenous fluids" and specifies the conditions under which an LVN may perform the technical-manual skills associated with IV therapy, which are now common practice in hemodialysis, pheresis and blood bank settings.

If approved by the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Office of Administrative Law, this regulatory change will effectively address both consumer protection and the need for clarification of the LVN scope of practice as related to IV therapy.

Change In NCLEX Registration Fees

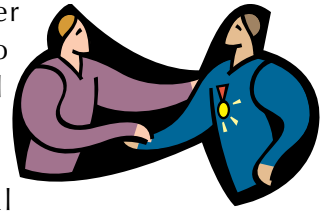


The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) informed the Board that effective October 1, 2001, the NCLEX registration fee changed **from** \$120.00 **to** \$200.00. The fee for telephone registration via credit card is \$212.00.

The NCLEX registration fee covers the cost for registration and administration for the examination. The NCLEX registration fee is established by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., and is subject to change by that organization at any time. The Board does not receive any of the NCLEX fees.

Consumer Surveys Underway

On July 12, 2001, the Board distributed a Customer Service Survey, designed to solicit feedback on how well the Board is accomplishing its mission, to persons on its mailing list. Additional



surveys were distributed and collected at the September and November 2001 Board meetings, and are being completed by the public at the Board's public counter.

The Board appreciates the feedback it has already received through the large volume of Customer Service Survey responses completed and returned since July 12th. If you have not had an opportunity to complete the Customer Service Survey, but would like to do so, you may download a copy of the survey by logging on to the Board's website at www.bvnpt.ca.gov, or contact the Board by telephone, at (916) 263-7848, and a copy of the survey will be mailed to you.

On November 1, 2001, an enforcement-related Consumer Satisfaction Survey designed to solicit feedback on the complaint process, was mailed to a random sample of California consumers who filed a complaint closed between 1998 and 2001. Because this is a targeted survey, it will not be available for download from the Internet. Both surveys will conclude December 31, 2001.

Additionally, in October 2001, the Board mailed surveys to all vocational nurse and psychiatric technician programs and a number of clinical facilities. The purpose of this survey is to identify the challenges LVNs and PTs may face in education and practice within the next five years as well as identify potential problems encountered by new graduates of VN and PT programs. The Board relies on input from its programs to keep abreast of current practices, issues and trends; therefore, schools and facilities who have received a survey are strongly encouraged to fill them out and send them back as soon as possible.

NCLEX Examination Test Service Transition Activities

As reported in the April 2001 issue of PRN, in August 1999, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) selected National Computer Systems, Inc. (NCS Pearson) as the new test service for the NCLEX® examination beginning October 1, 2002. NCS Pearson, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was selected after thorough review and discussion of a comprehensive proposal outlining every aspect of the NCLEX examination.



The Board is working with NCSBN and NCS Pearson staff on transition issues, and has been selected to participate in the Alpha and Beta testing of the NCLEX transition process. During the Alpha testing, Board staff will test the examination registration and administration processes by simulating various testing scenarios.

NCS Pearson will be opening 4 testing centers in California for Beta testing. In January 2002, the Board will be recruiting applicants in geographical locations near the Beta testing centers, to volunteer to register and take their licensure examinations through NCS Pearson instead of the Sylvan Testing Centers in March 2002. Because NCS Pearson will be testing the examination administration process, and not the examination itself, they will be using “real” examination questions, and the examination results from the Beta testing will be valid results.

There will be no interruption in testing for nurse candidates. The NCLEX examination program will continue to be administered by the current test vendor, The Chauncey Group International, until the new contract begins October 1, 2002.

New Veterans Benefit Pays The Cost Of Licensing Or Certification Tests

A new veteran's benefit allows the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse veterans and eligible dependents (as defined by the VA) for the cost of tests (specifically license and certification tests) taken on or after March 1, 2001. The NCSBN has obtained approval for reimbursement of the \$200 NCLEX registration fees for vocational nurse candidates.

The VA has clarified that only testing fees are covered under this benefit. Application and licensing fees are not covered under this benefit. Consequently, as psychiatric technicians currently pay only an application processing fee, and are not required to pay an additional testing fee, this new benefit does not apply for psychiatric technician candidates at this time.



For VN candidates to apply for this benefit, veterans and eligible dependents must submit their request to their local Department of Veterans Affairs office. For each exam taken, candidates must submit the following to the VA:

- A copy of the candidate's test results.
- Name of the test taken and the examination administration date.
- Name and address of the board of nursing in the state where the candidate has applied for licensure.
- Cost of the test. This only includes the cost of the examination; application processing fees and licensing fees will not be reimbursed.

For more information regarding the licensing and certification benefit, applying for benefits, or to determine if you are eligible for this benefit, veterans should contact the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), or visit their website. The internet address for the general Question & Answer page is <http://www.gibill.va.gov/Education/LCweb.htm>. The veterans and other eligible persons page is <http://www.gibill.va.gov/Education/LC>.

Enforcement Update - Reporting Convictions Required To Renew

As a condition of renewal, licensees are required to report convictions sustained since the last license renewal. A certification under penalty of perjury must be signed by each licensee on the renewal form. Failure to complete the certification will delay the renewal process.

If you have been convicted of a crime since you last renewed your license, the Board will investigate your criminal history to determine if the crime is substantially related to your license and if disciplinary action is warranted. You can speed up the investigation process by submitting a detailed description, written in your own words, of the event(s) leading up to the crime and by providing a **certified** copy of the police report and court documents.

If you have questions about this process, the Board's brochures titled *Disciplinary Overview*, *Convictions*, *Frequently Asked Questions* and *Disciplinary Overview, Disciplinary Process, Frequently Asked Questions*, should be helpful and are available on the Board's Internet web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov. To receive a copy of the brochures or to talk to an analyst in the Board's Enforcement Unit, please call us at (916) 263-7827.

Update On Acute Care Staffing Ratio Bill

In 1999, Assembly Bill 394 (Kuehl, Chapter 945) was signed into law by Governor Davis requiring the Department of Health Services (DHS) to adopt regulations that establish licensed nurse to patient ratios for all nursing units in general acute care hospitals and acute psychiatric hospitals. On July 21, 2000, Governor Davis signed Assembly Bill 1760 (Kuehl) which extended the date for adoption of the new regulations from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002. DHS has completed its study of hospitals statewide and is finalizing the tool that will be used to set the staffing ratios.

Upcoming Regulatory Activity

Several other regulatory proposals are currently in development and may be slated for consideration by the Board in 2002:

- A proposal to amend the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and Psychiatric Technicians Law to include unethical conduct as unprofessional conduct and thereby grounds for disciplinary action.
- A proposal to amend the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and Psychiatric Technicians Law to expand the list of crimes and acts considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensed vocational nurse or psychiatric technician, and to make other changes to increase clarity.

Please check the Board's Internet website at www.bvnpt.ca.gov, to obtain updates to regulatory activities, or you may contact Kim Frankland at (916) 263-7848.



Change Of Address

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 136, licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any changes of mailing address within 30 days after the change. Violation of this statute may result in the issuance of a citation and fine. Additionally, failure to notify the Board of a new address in writing will result in unnecessary delays in receipt of your renewal forms, renewed license, and other important correspondence from the Board.

Please submit your change of address in writing to the Board and be sure to include your name, license number, old address and new address. Please also be aware that your address of record is public information and may be disclosed upon request.

Training Of New Expert Witnesses



In May 2001, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians conducted two (2) Expert Witness Training Conferences. The purpose of these conferences was the orientation, selection, and training of new Subject Matter Experts.

Expert witnesses are licensed professionals who analyze and evaluate disciplinary cases in which violations of law or standard practice have been alleged. The Expert witness prepares a written opinion of the impact of the licensee's action(s) on the health, safety, and welfare of the client and whether the action(s) constitute unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, incompetence and gross negligence.

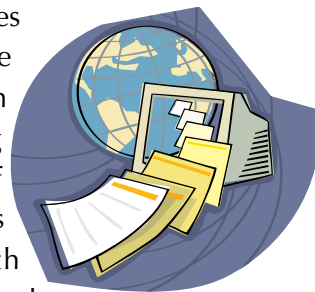
Conference participants were provided extensive information relative to the Disciplinary Process; Professional Standards of Practice, and the Role and Expectations of Experts Relative to Consumer Safety. Thirty-three (33) Licensed Vocational Nurses, Psychiatric Technicians, and Registered Nurses attended the Los Angeles and Sacramento sessions.

Course content was presented by Angelina Martin, Enforcement Program Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Nursing Education Consultant; Monica Novoa, Enforcement Analyst; and Elena Almanzo, Deputy Attorney General.

Additional training sessions will be held in 2002. Individuals interested in participating in the Expert Witness Program should contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 263-7827. Application forms are available on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Healthcare Integrity & Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) Update

As reported in previous issues of PRN, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Office of Inspector General, was directed by the Health Insurance Portability and



Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 to create the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) to combat health care fraud and abuse. The HIPDB is a national health care fraud and abuse data collection program for the reporting and disclosure of final adverse actions taken against health care providers, suppliers, or practitioners. Eligible Federal and State agencies and health plans that are registered with the HIPDB may access the information.

The Board is required to participate in the HIPDB in addition to its participation in the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB). The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is the Board's authorized reporting agent to HIPDB. All disciplinary actions, retroactive to August 21, 1996, against licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) are reported. An adverse action report is mailed to each licensee whose record is added to HIPDB.

All disciplinary actions, retroactive to August 21, 1996, against licensed psychiatric technicians (PTs) will be reported to the HIPDB once a database is developed by the NCSBN to enable the transmission of PT records. It has not been determined when the PT database will be completed.

Implementation Of New LVN & PT Program Accreditation Regulations

On July 19, 2001 the Board presented a workshop for all Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Program Directors regarding the implementation of the Accreditation/Provisional Accreditation Regulations that became effective July 1, 2000. The workshop was presented at Long Beach City College.



There were 63 attendees, including directors, instructors and administrators. Students from the Long Beach City College Vocational Nursing Program greeted participants and directed them to the workshop. The agenda included a review of the Accreditation and Provisional Accreditation Regulations. Criteria and procedures for provisional accreditation were also discussed. During that discussion the Board's procedure for calculating and tracking annual pass rates was illustrated. The meeting concluded with a question and answer/discussion period.

Nurse Of Tomorrow Act

On May 17, 2001, Representative Eliot Engel, New York and Representative Mary Bono, California, introduced bipartisan legislation to address the growing problem of the nursing shortage in New York and across the nation.



The goals of this legislation are to:

- Provide grants for career development in critical care fields; upgrading skills; nursing schools; tuition reimbursement for furthering education; and for nursing student externships.

- Provide education to help students with diverse needs and backgrounds to master the language, reading and math skills necessary to attain a nursing license.
- Create modern classrooms and laboratories that enable students to learn and experience the latest technologies.
- Provide a \$2,000 tax credit annually for nurses.
- Increase funding for loan forgiveness for nurses who work in areas experiencing a nursing shortage.

By accomplishing these goals, the Bill will address nurse retention and recruitment, provide opportunity for nursing education, establish a tax credit for nurses and ultimately decrease the nursing shortage.

As of September 24, 2001, the Bill was in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. With the events of the New York tragedy, action on this Bill will be delayed in this present session until further notice.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements

As health care practitioners, licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and psychiatric technicians (PTs) are required by law to be knowledgeable about mandatory reporting requirements relative to child abuse or neglect, elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, and performance requirements. A licensee's failure to comply with any mandatory reporting requirement shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Business and Professions Code (B&P), Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a).

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Assembly Bill 102 (Pacheco, Chapter 133) which was signed into law and became effective July 31, 2001, amended Penal Code Section 11166, which specifies mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect for certain individuals including LVNs and PTs. The bill restores language inadvertently removed last year, allowing mandatory reporters to report emotional abuse of a child. This bill also requires child protective

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REQUIREMENTS

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agencies to forward reports of child abuse or severe neglect to the Department of Justice, and specifies that abuse or neglect in out-of-home care means physical abuse.

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11166, LVNs and PTs are mandated to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect cases to a child protection agency. Specifically, Section 11166 requires that:

*Any mandatory reporter, **including a licensed vocational nurse or psychiatric technician**, who has knowledge of, or observes, a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect **must report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to a child protective agency immediately, or as soon as practically possible, by telephone and must prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.***

Additionally, any mandatory reporter who has knowledge of or reasonably suspects that mental suffering has been inflicted upon a child or that his or her emotional well being is endangered in any other way may make a report to a child protective agency.

“Child abuse or neglect” means a physical injury which is inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person. It also includes sexual abuse, willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment as proscribed by Penal Code Section 273a, neglect as defined by Penal Code Section 11165.2, or unlawful corporal punishment or injuries proscribed by Penal Code Section 273d. “Child abuse” also means the abuse or neglect of a child in out-of-home care.

Penal Code Section 11166.5 requires in part that on or after January 1, 1985, any person who enters into employment as a child care custodian, health practitioner, or with a child protective agency, prior to commencing his or her employment, and as a prerequisite to that employment, shall sign a statement on a form provided to him or her by his or her employer to the effect that the employee has

knowledge of the provisions of Penal Code Section 11166 and will comply with those provisions. The signed statements shall be retained by the employer. The cost of printing, distribution, and filing of these statements shall be borne by the employer.

Failure to comply with the requirements of Penal Code Section 11166 is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in a county jail, by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both the imprisonment and the fine. Additionally, failure to make a child abuse or neglect report as required shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of B&P, Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a).

ELDER ABUSE

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 9381, LVNs and PTs are mandated to report any known or suspected instance of elder physical abuse to an elder protection agency. Failure to make an elder physical abuse report as required shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of B&P, Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a).

DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 15630(a), LVNs and PTs are mandated to report any known or suspected instance of dependent adult abuse to an adult protection agency. Failure to make a dependent adult physical abuse report as required shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of B&P, Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a).

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to B&P, Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a), LVNs and PTs shall safeguard patient's/client's health and safety by actions which include but are not limited to reporting to the Board instances of unprofessional conduct by a licensee as defined in the applicable B&P Code. The Board implemented regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Sections 2518.5, 2518.6, 2576.5 and 2576.6, which increase safeguards to the health, safety, and welfare of California consumers by delineating ethical and behavioral standards that are expected of its licensees. Failure to report instances of such by a LVN or PT shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of B&P, Sections 2878(a) and 4521(a).

Legislative Update



2001 Chaptered Legislation

Several bills followed by the Board were chaptered into law during the 2001 Legislative Session. The Board supported Senate Bills (SB) 349 and 724, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) omnibus bills that contain language affecting vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians. Unless otherwise indicated, these bills become effective January 1, 2002.

- **License Fees - Collection of All Accrued and Unpaid License Renewal Fees**

SB 349 (Business and Professions Committee, Chapter 435) – This bill addresses the problem of unlicensed activity by licensees. Although most licensees who let their licenses expire have no intention of practicing during the period of expiration, some individuals attempt to avoid paying license fees and continue to practice with expired licenses. SB 349 amends section 2892.1 of the Vocational Nurse Practice Act, and section 4545 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law, to give the Board statutory authority to collect payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees in addition to any fees due upon renewal of an expired license at any time within four years of expiration. The law increases consumer protection by eliminating a financial incentive to delay renewal of an expired license, and was sponsored by the DCA to ensure that all of its boards and bureaus collect accrued and unpaid renewal fees consistently.

- **Petitions for Reinstatement or Modification of Penalty – Extension of Minimum Waiting Period**

SB 724 (Business and Professions Committee, Chapter 728) - This bill amends section 2878.7 of the Vocational Nurse Practice Act, and section 4524 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law to extend the minimum period of time required for a licensed vocational nurse or psychiatric technician whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or placed on probation to wait before petitioning the Board for reinstatement or modification of the penalty, including modification or termination of probation. Under current law, a vocational nurse or psychiatric technician may petition the Board for reinstatement or modification of a penalty after a period of not less than one year from the effective date of the decision. This bill increases the efficiency of the Board's reinstatement process by reducing the number of petitioners who file for reinstatement of a license or modification or termination of probation before sufficient time has elapsed to permit adequate rehabilitation.

- **Community College Grants**

Assembly Bill (AB) 87 (Jackson, Chapter 514) - This bill requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to award grants to community college districts for the purpose of developing curricula and pilot programs that provide training to licensed nurses, including training in the nursing specialty areas of critical care, emergency, obstetrics, pediatrics, neonatal intensive care and operating room nursing.

- **Changes to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA)**

AB 102 (Pacheco, Chapter 133) - This bill, which takes effect immediately as an emergency statute, requires any mandated reporter (licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians are mandated reporters) who has knowledge of or reasonably suspects that mental suffering has been inflicted upon a child or that his or her emotional well-being is endangered in any other

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2002 BOARD MEETING DATES

February 7-8, 2002
San Diego, CA

April *11-12, 2002
Fresno, CA

June *27-28, 2002
Los Angeles, CA

September *5-6, 2002
Ontario, CA

November *7-8, 2002
Sacramento, CA

* Reinstatement Hearings and Disciplinary Actions are conducted on the first Board Meeting Day.

Board Meeting Information

The agenda for each Board meeting is mailed to individuals on the Board's general mailing list approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the actual Board meeting date. All Board meeting dates and locations are subject to change and meeting times are approximate. Interested parties should call the Board at (916) 263-7845 to confirm the date and specific meeting site of any Board meeting, or access the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

The Board makes every effort to meet in facilities that can accommodate the estimated 300-800 members of the public who wish to observe its proceedings at any given location. However, at times, attendees may be asked to exchange seats with individuals waiting outside of the room to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to observe the proceedings. The Board appreciates your cooperation should this occur.

*With the exception of February 2002, the Board will conduct its Disciplinary Board meetings on the first day of each meeting. The first day in February is reserved for the Annual Board Member Workshop.

Board Member Information

Two changes in the officers of the Board occurred during the month of June 2001. On June 1, 2001, former Board Vice-President Sister Marie de Porres Taylor, Public Member, assumed the office of Board President following the expiration of the one-year grace period for the term of appointment for past Board President Carolyn Duncan, PT; and on June 29, 2001, Mary Humphrey, Public Member, was elected Board Vice-President.

Effective June 1, 2001, following the expiration of the one-year grace period for the term of appointment for Cecelia Estrada, Registered Nurse Educator, a vacancy exists for a nurse-educator member position on the Board. This member is appointed by the Governor, and must be either a licensed vocational nurse or a registered nurse with not less than five years of experience as a teacher or administrator in an accredited school of vocational nursing. Interested parties can access information on the Governor's appointment process online at www.governor.ca.gov, or can contact the Office of the Governor at (916) 445-2841.

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way, to make a report to a child protective agency. This bill also requires child protective agencies to forward reports of child abuse or severe neglect to the Department of Justice, and specifies that abuse or neglect in out-of-home care means physical abuse.

- **Nursing Education**

SB 664 (Poochigian, Chapter 443) - This bill requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) to conduct a review and analysis of admission procedures and attrition rates for two-year associate degree nursing programs. Nursing programs in the California Community Colleges are currently impacted. This study is intended to help identify strategies to maximize the number of nursing graduates while ensuring that students admitted into nursing programs are academically prepared.

DCA Energy Update

Even as the temperatures drop, there are still a lot of things you can do to save energy, money and Flex Your Power:

- Keep your house at 68° or lower when you're home, and set your thermostat to 55° when away or asleep.
- Use appliances after 7 p.m.
- Help prevent rolling blackouts by using large appliances, such as washing machines and dishwashers after 7 p.m.
- One fridge is enough
You can save \$150 or more a year by unplugging your second refrigerator
- Don't light an empty room
- Compact fluorescent bulbs save a lot. Turning out lights saves even more. Don't forget to turn off computers and other electronic equipment when you're not using them.
- Use appliances wisely
- Do laundry on the cold water setting. Line dry clothes whenever you can. Run your dishwasher only when it's full, and air-dry the dishes.

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ENFORCEMENT

ENFORCEMENT ACTION LIST*

Licensed Vocational Nurses & Psychiatric Technicians
January 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001

The Board publishes and distributes its Enforcement Action List in January and July each year. The list identifies licensees who were formally disciplined by the Board during the six months immediately preceding publication of the list.

Examples of formal discipline include:

Revocation: The license is taken away from the licensee for a minimum of one year.

Probation: The license is placed on probationary status which includes specific terms and conditions of compliance; and

Other disciplinary proceedings include:

Cite/Fine: The licensee is issued a citation and required to pay a fine commensurate with the violation committed.

To receive a copy, call (916) 263-7800, or you can access the list on the Board's Internet web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

*NOTE: Although every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct, interested parties should call the Board at (916) 263-7800 to obtain updated and accurate license information.

Enforcement Actions - Licensed Vocational Nurses January 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001

I. Disciplinary Actions

A. License Revoked

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ALLEN, ANGELA | VN 174137 | 03/28/01 |
| BAGGET, CHARLES | VN 173763 | 03/28/01 |
| BECERRA, SANDRA | VN 58385 | 02/04/01 |
| BROADNAX, DENISE | VN 135466 | 02/04/01 |
| COVEY, TERRY | VN 94516 | 03/15/01 |
| DAVIS, KATIE | VN 63548 | 02/18/01 |
| DAVIS, NITA | VN 155024 | 01/06/01 |
| DESENCLOS, ERIC | VN 115135 | 01/20/01 |
| DONLEY, PATRICIA | VN 166965 | 06/08/01 |
| DORSANEO, PETER | VN 183116 | 04/28/01 |
| FISH, LOIS | VN 64445 | 03/28/01 |
| GREENE, CHARLENE | VN 60943 | 02/04/01 |
| GUDKNECHT, CECILIA | VN 167254 | 02/04/01 |
| KEMMER, RICHARD | VN 184140 | 02/04/01 |
| KRENZ, RICK | VN 184350 | 04/28/01 |
| MADRUGA, RODNEY | VN 177835 | 04/28/01 |
| MALONE, MARYLOU | VN 128836 | 01/12/01 |
| NICHOLS, POPPY | VN 112845 | 01/07/01 |
| NOWELL, PERCY | VN 178296 | 02/04/01 |
| PRINGLE, JANICE | VN 151188 | 05/24/01 |

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A. License Revoked Continued...

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| PRIVETT, ERIN | VN 142834 | 01/06/01 |
| REID, JANNIET | VN 151475 | 03/28/01 |
| RILEY, MICHELE | VN 167794 | 06/08/01 |
| ROBINSON, COLLEEN | VN 162313 | 01/06/01 |
| SALTER, DAVID | VN 79138 | 03/06/01 |
| STEWART, KAREN | VN 88234 | 01/28/01 |
| THOMAS, SHAWN | VN 184747 | 01/06/01 |
| WARINER, ANDREW | VN 157778 | 01/07/01 |
| WATSON, SHARON | VN 114696 | 03/28/01 |
| WHITTAKER, MARTHA | VN 67444 | 03/28/01 |
| WILLIAMS, STACY | VN 161507 | 03/28/01 |
| WILLIAMS, WILLIS | VN 121469 | 02/04/01 |

B. Revocation Stayed, Placed On Probation

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>BEGIN</u> | <u>END</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| ANGULO, DOUGLAS | VN 162862 | 06/08/01 | 06/08/04 |
| BROOKSHIRE, PENNY | VN 99774 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/03 |
| CAMPBELL, TINO | VN 175883 | 02/18/01 | 02/18/04 |
| CHARETTE, DIANE | VN 179964 | 02/02/01 | 08/02/02 |
| CHEN, CINDY | VN 173966 | 02/18/01 | 02/18/04 |
| CLOW, SCOTT | VN 159475 | 04/27/01 | 04/27/06 |
| CRANNEY, TRACEY | VN 186016 | 03/15/01 | 03/15/04 |
| DENNY, PATRICIA | VN 183944 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/04 |
| EVANS, ELIZABETH | VN 167180 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/04 |
| GOOD, JONATHAN | VN 81538 | 04/28/01 | 04/28/04 |
| KIGHT, JEANNE | VN 70217 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/06 |
| MAGALLON, SHARYN | VN 147750 | 04/28/01 | 04/28/04 |
| OSTRANDER, ANTOINETTE | VN 132558 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/08 |
| RENFRO, JOAN | VN 46985 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/04 |
| ROYCE, HEATHER | VN 167557 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/04 |
| TATUM-DAVIS, BRIGITTE | VN 169139 | 03/05/01 | 03/05/06 |
| TAYLOR, NANCY | VN 146935 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/06 |
| VAUGHN, SARAH | VN 178903 | 02/03/01 | 02/03/06 |
| WILSON, JUNE | VN 119802 | 02/18/01 | 02/18/04 |

C. Voluntary Surrender

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| BRADLEY, JOYCE | VN 44129 | 04/28/01 |
| CRANDALL, CHARLES | VN 159810 | 05/24/01 |
| HACKETT, CHERYL | VN 149066 | 01/06/01 |
| MCLEMORE, ALMA | VN 165956 | 02/18/01 |
| SHAW, GEORGETTE | VN 160629 | 02/18/01 |
| WELLER, REBECCA | VN 106675 | 03/15/01 |

D. Application For Licensure Granted On Probation

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>BEGIN</u> | <u>END</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| BENDER, LIATWANNE | VN 194497 | 03/28/01 | 03/28/03 |
| BOECKING, LEILANI | VN 194863 | 04/28/01 | 04/28/03 |
| PITTMAN, QUETINA | VN 194188 | 02/02/01 | 02/02/04 |
| WILLIAMS (PICKLE), TERRY | VN 195384 | 05/24/01 | 05/24/03 |

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E. Application Denied

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| COMER, DALE | VN APPLICANT | 01/28/01 |
| HOLMAN, DEBORAH | VN APPLICANT | 02/18/01 |

II. Other Enforcement Actions

A. Cite/Fine

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ABBOTT, PAUL - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195385 | 06/30/2001 |
| AGUILERA, CRISTINA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 114189 | 04/28/2001 |
| AHERN, ELLEN - Fine \$250.00 | VN 33675 | 04/28/2001 |
| ASAELI, PATRICIA - Fined \$300.00 | VN 144198 | 04/27/2001 |
| BABCOCK-NEWTON, SUSAN - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194271 | 04/18/2001 |
| BARRIE, NENEH - Fined \$250.00 | VN 184851 | 01/12/2001 |
| BEATON, GEORGINA - Fined \$440.00 | VN 130681 | 01/19/2001 |
| BENN, MARY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 16339 | 06/02/2001 |
| BILLING, LORI - Fined \$250.00 | VN 162073 | 04/21/2001 |
| BURGOS, BLANACA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194293 | 04/21/2001 |
| CALERDON, REBECCA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192799 | 01/13/2001 |
| CALERO, INGRID - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193097 | 01/07/2001 |
| CALHOUN, KEVIN - Fined \$1,001.00 | VN 148837 | 04/14/2001 |
| CANTERO, JACKIE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192457 | 01/13/2001 |
| CARDEJON-LEIVA, JONAL - Fined \$250.00 | VN 189533 | 01/07/2001 |
| CARILLO, SANDRA - Fined \$330.00 | VN 147923 | 05/18/2001 |
| CHELSTON, THOMAS - Fined \$300.00 | VN 132161 | 06/02/2001 |
| CHRISTIAN, MARIA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195191 | 06/23/2001 |
| CLEVELAND, RACHAEL - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195018 | 06/23/2001 |
| COATS, JOSEPHINE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 158254 | 06/02/2001 |
| COLLINS, KEITH - Fined \$300.00 | VN 111700 | 06/02/2001 |
| CONSTANTINO, CHRISTIAN - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194060 | 04/18/2001 |
| COSGROVE, DARNELL - Fined \$250.00 | VN 66766 | 06/02/2001 |
| COTTON, MARY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193988 | 04/18/2001 |
| DAVIS, MARILYN - Fined \$500.00 | VN 164659 | 05/18/2001 |
| DAVIS, MICHELLE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193090 | 01/07/2001 |
| DAWSON, TRISHA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194203 | 04/18/2001 |
| DAY, LISA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194958 | 06/02/2001 |
| DEL ROSARIO, NARCISO - Fined \$620.00 | VN 146375 | 01/12/2001 |
| DE STEFANI, MARY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 134736 | 06/02/2001 |
| FIELDS, KIMBERLY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194187 | 04/18/2001 |
| FISHER, DENISE - Fined \$300.00 | VN 126419 | 06/02/2001 |
| FONECCA, MARTY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192434 | 01/11/2001 |
| GODOY, GAYLE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194040 | 04/18/2001 |
| GORGE, VICKI - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192154 | 01/11/2001 |
| GULAY, LIWANAG - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194623 | 04/28/2001 |
| HANVUTHINANON, CHUKIAT - Fined \$500.00 | VN 184487 | 01/18/2001 |
| HARTLEY, KAREN - Fined \$250.00 | VN 176363 | 01/11/2001 |
| HERRERA, DINORA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192743 | 01/18/2001 |
| HULBERT, ROGER - Fined \$500.00 | VN 147009 | 05/19/2001 |
| JOHNSON, KENDALL - Fined \$250.00 | VN 173753 | 03/21/2001 |
| KARNO, MORGAN - Fined \$1,051.00 | VN 152007 | 01/19/2001 |
| KENNEDY, JAN - Fined \$250.00 | VN 115257 | 03/24/2001 |
| KORB, ROBERT - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193804 | 04/18/2001 |
| LACESTE, ANGELITA - Fined \$225.00 | VN 167158 | 05/19/2001 |

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A. Cite/Fine Continued...

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| LEVI-FAI, JOSEPHINE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 111591 | 06/02/2001 |
| LOEBLEIN, PARVA - Fined \$500.00 | VN 152007 | 01/18/2001 |
| MAMAWAG, ODEZA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 136444 | 06/23/2001 |
| MARTIN, ELOISA - Fined \$1,001.00 | VN 169287 | 01/19/2001 |
| MARTIN, LISA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194866 | 05/24/2001 |
| MATA, LYNETTE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192433 | 01/12/2001 |
| MATHIS, PRESTON - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195085 | 06/23/2001 |
| MCKOWN, CYNTHIA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 130122 | 03/24/2001 |
| MONARQUE, SHERI - Fined \$250.00 | VN 184794 | 01/18/2001 |
| NOOL, LOURDES - Fined \$250.00 | VN 86594 | 01/19/2001 |
| NORMA, BEVERLY - Fined \$750.00 | VN 104322 | 04/18/2001 |
| OAJDEA, KRISTINE - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194298 | 05/18/2001 |
| OCHOA, DWAYNE - Fined \$1,001.00 | VN 157743 | 05/19/2001 |
| OHNSTAD, SUSAN - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194411 | 04/14/2001 |
| OLIVES, SANDY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 171773 | 06/02/2001 |
| PENNINGTON, DWIGHT - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193251 | 01/13/2001 |
| RAGLAND-RUSSELL, BRENDA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195340 | 06/23/2001 |
| RAINES, ANGELINA - Fined \$700.00 | VN 176787 | 04/11/2001 |
| RUNNER, BRENT - Fined \$250.00 | VN 190384 | 01/07/2001 |
| SAKKINEN, SHELMA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194741 | 05/18/2001 |
| SHEDD, NANCY - Fined \$250.00 | VN 195019 | 06/23/2001 |
| SHISTICK, RONALD - Fined \$250.00 | VN 184218 | 05/18/2001 |
| SIMON, DEANNA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194028 | 04/18/2001 |
| SMITH, NIKKISHA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 191877 | 01/19/2001 |
| STUMPS, SANDRA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194011 | 04/18/2001 |
| SUPNET, PAUL - Fined \$500.00 | VN 178713 | 01/11/2001 |
| TURNER, BARBARA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193328 | 01/07/2001 |
| URIAS, TELMA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 192547 | 01/19/2001 |
| VEGA, FANNY - Fined \$1,001.00 | VN 186190 | 05/19/2001 |
| VILLEN0, LEONITO - Fined \$250.00 | VN 102485 | 04/14/2001 |
| WALKER, PHILIP - Fined \$1,390.00 | VN 117770 | 01/18/2001 |
| WATKINS, MELISSA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 193836 | 04/18/2001 |
| ZIRKLE, KRISTINE - Fined \$1,001.00 | VN 182127 | 04/21/2001 |
| ZUNIC-EL-ARID, AZRA - Fined \$250.00 | VN 194222 | 04/21/2001 |

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I. Disciplinary Actions

A. License Revoked

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ARCHAMBAULT, MARK | PT 28211 | 05/24/01 |
| BALLARD, JR, FLOYD | PT 14688 | 01/21/01 |
| COON, NINA | PT 14519 | 01/21/01 |
| ESPOSITO, JR, ANTHONY | PT 22637 | 01/05/01 |
| GARDEA, TERESA | PT 20780 | 02/18/01 |
| GRUSZKIEWICZ, GREGORY | PT 26276 | 01/08/01 |

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A. License Revoked Continued...

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| GULLEY, LOIS | PT 18614 | 01/06/01 |
| KIRBY, YVONNE | PT 25294 | 05/24/01 |
| MACIAS, MITCHELL | PT 24722 | 03/28/01 |
| MCCLAIN, MAXIE | PT 23412 | 02/04/01 |
| MITCHELL, KIMBERLY | PT 22641 | 04/28/01 |
| PALACIO, DOROTHY | PT 29653 | 04/27/01 |
| RESVALOSO, ROBERT | PT 23920 | 01/14/01 |
| ROMO, JOEY | PT 28702 | 02/04/01 |

B. Revocation Stayed, Placed On Probation

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>BEGIN</u> | <u>END</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| BEERS, DANIEL | PT 20972 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/04 |
| BRICKER-TOSHA, ROBERTA | PT 20500 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/03 |
| DAVIS, RICK | PT 14210 | 01/28/01 | 01/28/04 |
| LENENBERG, LARRY | PT 14360 | 02/11/01 | 02/11/03 |
| LEONHARDT, THOMAS | PT 18320 | 02/11/01 | 02/11/04 |
| LOUGHRY, KATHY | PT 17077 | 01/21/01 | 01/21/04 |
| ROBERTSON, FREDERICK | PT 24593 | 02/11/01 | 02/11/04 |
| ROOKHUYZEN, VAN | PT 24574 | 02/11/01 | 02/11/04 |
| ROSTER, DAVID | PT 28106 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/04 |
| SALAZAR, ALEJANDRO | PT 26829 | 03/28/01 | 03/28/04 |
| VACCA, TERRI | PT 25838 | 03/28/01 | 03/28/04 |

C. Application For Licensure Granted On Probation

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>BEGIN</u> | <u>END</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| FOSTER, LESLIE | PT 30935 | 05/15/01 | 05/15/04 |
| KELLEY, TIMOTHY | PT 30765 | 01/06/01 | 01/06/04 |

D. Voluntary Surrender

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| COBAN, SUSAN | PT 19205 | 03/15/01 |
| JOHNSON, UNREE | PT 25715 | 02/11/01 |

II. Other Enforcement Actions

A. Cite/Fine

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LICENSE NO.</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| BLAIS, LEWIS - Fined \$500.00 | PT 25946 | 04/02/2001 |
| CASOLI, TINA - Fined \$250.00 | PT 26441 | 05/19/2001 |
| GALLAGHER, KAROLE LYNN - Fined \$70.00 | PT 30260 | 01/11/2001 |
| GRUSS, DAVID - Fined \$500.00 | PT 28024 | 05/19/2001 |
| JOHNS, SHEILA - Fined \$1,001.00 | PT 21431 | 01/12/2001 |
| KENNY, KRISTOPHER - Fined \$250.00 | PT 23190 | 01/20/2001 |
| KLEDIZIK, BONNIE - Fined \$750.00 | PT 15945 | 04/21/2001 |
| LUMINARIAS, ARTHUR - Fined \$210.00 | PT 26487 | 04/07/2001 |
| MORGAN, LISA - Fined \$250.00 | PT 20770 | 04/18/2001 |
| NEFF, CLAIRE - Fined \$1,001.00 | PT 23484 | 01/18/2001 |
| SCROGGINS, RICHARD - Fined \$750.00 | PT 25729 | 04/21/2001 |
| TERRELL, ROBERT - Fined \$250.00 | PT 18198 | 01/19/2001 |

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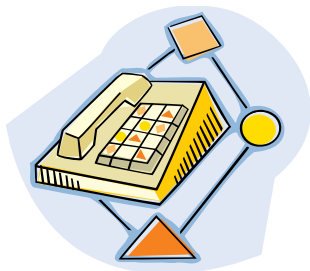


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